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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 2769

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, KU
SUBJECT: M109 HOWITZER PURCHASE - KUWAIT (U)

REF: A. DA MSG 272004Z APR 78
B. TELECON 3 MAY, MR. MAHR, DALO-SAC AND COL DEWITT
CHUSLOK

1. (C) CHUSLOK DISCUSSIONS WITH THE KUWAIT ARMED FORCES ARTILLERY
COMMITTEE DURING THE PERIOD 3-7 MAY 78 INDICATE THAT THE
COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING THAT MINISTER OF DEFENSE ACCEPT THE
FINAL VERSION OF THE M109 ARTY PACKAGE AS PRESENTED PRIOR TO
DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE FROM CONUS WITH THE FOLLOWING
MODIFICATIONS:

- A. DELETE LASER RANGE FINDERS FROM LOA.
- B. DO NOT INCLUDE M113A1 APC'S IN LOA. (COMMITTEE RECOMMEND-
ING GOK GO DIRECT TO FMC ON COMMERCIAL CONTRACT).
- C. LEAVE M151 (1/4 TON TRUCKS) IN LOA.
- D. DO NOT INCLUDE M800 SERIES 5 TON TRUCKS IN LOA.
(COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING GOK GO DIRECT TO AM GENERAL ON
COMMERCIAL CONTRACT).

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E. INCREASE THE QUANTITY OF AMMO TO BE INCLUDED WITH
IMPACT PACKAGE FROM 312 RDS (AS WE UNDERSTAND WAS INDICATED
BY DA AS ALL THAT COULD BE FURNISHED) TO 1200 RDS BROKEN
DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

AMMO/COMPONENT	QUANTITY
155MM ILLUM	120 RDS
155 MM RAP M549	300 RDS

155MM WP SMOKE	180 RDS
155MM HE M107	600 RDS
PROP CHG M42	720 EA
PROP CHG M3	480 EA
FUZE M557	900 EA
FUZE M728	180 EA
FUZE M565	120 EA
PRIMER M82	1500 EA

2. (C) AS TO THE PLEA TO INCREASE THE QUANTITY OF AMMO TO BE PROVIDED WITH THE IMPACT PACKAGE, THE KUWAITIS CONTEND THAT THEY WILL COMMENCE TRAINING WITH THE FIRST BATTERY WITHIN 60-90 DAYS SUBSEQUENT TO DELIVERY OF THE PACKAGE. CONSIDERING THE DELIVERY LEAD TIMES FOR THE AMMO REQUESTED (12-22 MONTHS), THIS MEANS THAT THE 312 RDS WOULD BE THE ONLY AMMO AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING PRIOR TO UP TO 22 MONTHS AFTER THE LOA WAS SIGNED. THE KUWAITIS CONTEND THAT IF THEY ARE TO USE THE IMPACT PACKAGE AS A TRAINING UNIT PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF THE REMAINING EQUIPMENT, 312 RDS WILL BE TOTALLY INADEQUATE TO ACCOMPLISH THE TRAINING MISSION. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT OFFICIALLY AGREED WITH THE KUWAITIS, WE DO AGREE WITH THEIR RATIONALE. THEREFORE, YOUR ASSISTANCE IN GENERATING AMMO IN THE AMOUNTS INDICATED IN PARA 1, E ABOVE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. (LOCALLY WE HAVE LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPARENT AMMO SHORTAGE, BUT IT APPEARS DOD CONFIDENTIAL

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STOCKS ARE IN MUCH MORE CRITICAL SHORTAGE THAT WE IMAGINE).

3. (U) CHUSLOK HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON THE M109 ARTILLERY PACKAGE WITHIN ONE WEEK. BELIEVE THAT IF THE AMMO PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY, THE MINISTER WILL ACCEPT THE PACKAGE AS WRITTEN AND MODIFIED IAW PARA 1, ABOVE.

4. (U) ACTION REQUESTED. COMMENTS CONCERNING:

A. FEASIBILITY OF SUPPLYING AMMO WITH IMPACT PACKAGE IN THE TYPES/QUANTITIES DESCRIBED IN PARA 1, E ABOVE; OR, IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, SUGGEST AN ALTERNATIVE MORE ALIGNED WITH THE KUWAITI DESIRES.

B. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS/PROBLEMS WHICH REQUIRE KUWAITI INPUT OR DECISIONS PRIOR TO FINALIZING LOA.

C. NEED FOR STATE CONCURRENCE WITH COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF APCS AND 5 TON TRUCKS.

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